

### **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-25 (cancelled)

Claim 26 (currently amended): A rotating instrument comprising a shaft (1) and a working member (2) which is secured to the shaft or can detachably be secured thereto, wherein at least part of the working member (2) is made from a ceramic material, characterized in that at least one cutting edge and/or toothing is provided in the outer surface of the part of the working member (2) that is made from the ceramic material such that the at least one cutting edge and/or toothing is adapted to perform a cutting function and the ~~ceramic~~ part of the working member (2) made from the ceramic material and containing the at least one cutting edge has a surface roughness of 0.5  $\mu\text{m}$  to 6  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 27 (previously presented): The instrument according to claim 26, characterized in that the ceramic part of the working member (2) has a surface roughness of 1  $\mu\text{m}$  to 2  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 28 (previously presented): The instrument according to claim 26, characterized in that all geometrically created form transitions of the ceramic part of the working member (2) have at least radii of 0.01 mm to 5 mm.

Claim 29 (previously presented): The instrument according to claim 26, characterized in that all geometrically created form transitions of the ceramic part of the working member (2) have at least radii of 0.5 mm.

Claim 30 (currently amended): The instrument according to claim 26, characterized in that the working member (2) is provided with a core reinforcement created by reducing the depth of grooves or cuts made to provide the at least one cutting edge and/or toothing from the free end to the shaft of the working member (2).

Claim 31 (previously presented): The instrument according to claim 30, characterized in that the core reinforcement has a substantially conical basic shape.

Claim 32 (previously presented): The instrument according to claim 30, characterized in that the core diameter increases by 0.25° to 3° towards the shaft.

Claim 33 (previously presented): The instrument according to claim 30, characterized in that the core diameter increases by 1° towards the shaft.

Claim 34 (previously presented): The instrument according to claim 26, characterized in that the surface of the ceramic member of the working member (2) is microhardened.

Claim 35 (previously presented): The instrument according to claim 26, characterized in that the surface of the ceramic part of the working member (2) is microhardened by blasting the surface.

Claim 36 (previously presented): The instrument according to claim 26, characterized in that the surface of the ceramic part of the working member (2) is provided with a hard layer.

Claim 37 (previously presented): The instrument according to claim 26, characterized in that the surface of the ceramic part of the working member (2) has at least a depth mark.

Claim 38 (previously presented): The instrument according to claim 37, characterized in that the depth mark has a surface roughness of 1  $\mu\text{m}$  to 10  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 39 (previously presented): The instrument according to claim 37, characterized in that the depth mark has a surface roughness of 2  $\mu\text{m}$  to 4  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 40 (previously presented): The instrument according to claim 37, characterized in that the depth mark is a laser mark.

Claim 41 (previously presented): The instrument according to claim 37, characterized in that the depth mark comprises cut-in grooves.

Claim 42 (previously presented): The instrument according to claim 26, characterized in that the working member (2) and the shaft (1) are made from a ceramic material.

Claim 43 (previously presented): The instrument according to claim 26, characterized in that the working member (2) has a metallic carrier (3) and at least one layer (4) that is provided thereon and consists of the ceramic material.

Claim 44 (previously presented): The instrument according to claim 43, characterized in that the layer (4) of the ceramic

material is connected to the carrier (3) by means of an adhesive.

Claim 45 (currently amended): The instrument according to claim 26, characterized in that the surface of the ceramic material is ground to make the surface of the ceramic material without pores and smooth.

Claim 46 (canceled)

Claim 47 (previously presented): The instrument according to claim 26, characterized in that the ceramic material comprises aluminum oxide and/or zirconium oxide.

Claim 48 (previously presented): The instrument according to claim 26, characterized in that the instrument is designed as a dental instrument.

Claim 49 (previously presented): The instrument according to claim 26, characterized in that said instrument is designed as a drill.

Claim 50 (canceled)